

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown below and presented in full on the following pages:

- (a) For Claim 21, delete the "a" in line 5,
- (b) For Claims 1, 11 and 21, replace the expression "may be inserted" with "are insertable,"
- (c) For claim 1 line 12, claim 11 - line 13 and claim 21 - line 13, the clarifying word "inserted" is added in front of "markings" to avoid any indefiniteness as to which marking are meant at this point in these claims.

1 1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing feedback on an electronic  
2 writing created with a word processing software and wherein said writing being  
3 displayable using said software on a video display of a computer system, said method  
4 comprising the steps of:

5 developing a set of editorial markings that ~~may be inserted~~ are insertable into  
6 said writing,

7 selecting from said set of editorial markings a marking to be inserted into said  
8 writing,

9 inserting said marking into said electronic writing, and

10 saving information pertaining to said inserted marking in said computer  
11 system so as to establish a database that documents the use of said inserted markings  
12 in said writing.

13 2. A method for providing feedback on an electronic writing as recited in  
14 claim 1, further comprising the step of:

15 compiling summary statistics for said saved markings that communicate  
16 information pertaining to the use of said markings in said writing.

17 3. A method for providing feedback on an electronic writing as recited in  
18 claim 2, further comprising the step of:

19 filtering said inserted markings so that only a specified portion of such  
20 markings remain in said writing when it is returned to its writer.

21 4. A method for providing feedback on an electronic writing as recited in  
22 claim 1, further comprising the step of:

23 hyperlinking said inserted marking to a website that exists on a network of  
24 linked computers.

25 5. A method for providing feedback on an electronic writing as recited in  
26 claim 2, further comprising the step of:

27 hyperlinking said inserted marking to a website that exists on a network of  
28 linked computers.

29 6. A method for providing feedback on an electronic writing as recited in  
30 claim 3, further comprising the step of:

hyperlinking said inserted marking to a website that exists on a network of linked computers.

7. A method for providing feedback on an electronic writing as recited in claim 1, wherein:

said inserted marking communicates information, regarding a portion of said writing in proximity to said marking's insertion point, chosen from the group consisting of information on the writing's punctuation, capitalization, italicization, grammar, word usage, content or form.

8. A method for providing feedback on an electronic writing as recited in claim 2, wherein:

said compiled summary statistics communicate information selected from the group consisting of information pertaining to: (a) specified skills that said writer would need to focus upon in order to improve said writer's writing skills, (b) for a series of said writings by the same writer, said writer's progress towards improvement in those areas identified by said inserted markings as needing improvement, (c) for a collection of writings by a group of writers who are being instructed as a group, said group's general areas denoted by said inserted markings as needing improvement, and (d) for a series of writings by said group, said group's progress towards improvement in those areas identified by said inserted markings as needing improvement.

9. A method for providing feedback on an electronic writing as recited in claim 4, wherein:

said website having information chosen from the group consisting of detailed explanations of said markings and exercises that one can undertake in order to strengthen those writing skills which are denoted by said inserted markings as representing areas in which said writer needs improvement.

10. A method for providing feedback on an electronic writing as recited in claim 1, wherein:

said inserted marking having an associated editorial comment that is insertable in said writing.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer program product in a computable readable memory for providing feedback on an electronic writing created with a word

processing software and wherein said writing being displayable using said software  
on a video display of a computer system, said computer program product comprising:  
a set of editorial markings that ~~may be inserted~~ are insertable into said writing,

means for displaying said set of markings on said video display,  
means for selecting from said set of editorial markings a marking to be  
inserted into said writing,

means for inserting said marking into said electronic writing, and  
means for saving information pertaining to said inserted marking in said  
computer system so as to establish a database that documents the use of said inserted  
markings in said writing.

12. A computer program product for providing feedback on an electronic  
writing as recited in claim 11, further comprising:

means for compiling summary statistics for said saved markings that  
communicate information pertaining to the use of said markings in said writing.

13. A computer program product for providing feedback on an electronic  
writing as recited in claim 12, further comprising:

means for filtering said inserted markings so that only a specified portion of  
such markings remain in said writing when it is returned to its writer.

14. A computer program product for providing feedback on an electronic  
writing as recited in claim 11, further comprising:

means for hyperlinking said inserted marking to a website that exists on a  
network of linked computers.

15. A computer program product for providing feedback on an electronic  
writing as recited in claim 12, further comprising:

means for hyperlinking said inserted marking to a website that exists on a  
network of linked computers.

16. A computer program product for providing feedback on an electronic  
writing as recited in claim 13, further comprising:

means for hyperlinking said inserted marking to a website that exists on a  
network of linked computers.

1 17. A computer program product for providing feedback on an electronic  
2 writing as recited in claim 11, wherein:

3 said inserted marking communicates information, regarding a portion of said  
4 writing in proximity to said marking's insertion point, chosen from the group  
5 consisting of information on the writing's punctuation, capitalization, italicization,  
6 grammar, word usage, content or form.

7 18. A computer program product for providing feedback on an electronic  
8 writing as recited in claim 12, wherein:

9 said compiled summary statistics communicate information selected from the  
10 group consisting of information pertaining to: (a) specified skills that said writer  
11 would need to focus upon in order to improve said writer's writing skills, (b) for a  
12 series of said writings by the same writer, said writer's progress towards improvement  
13 in those areas identified by said inserted markings as needing improvement, (c) for a  
14 collection of writings by a group of writers who are being instructed as a group, said  
15 group's general areas denoted by said inserted markings as needing improvement, and  
16 (d) for a series of writings by said group, said group's progress towards improvement  
17 in those areas identified by said inserted markings as needing improvement.

18 19. A computer program product for providing feedback on an electronic  
19 writing as recited in claim 14, wherein:

20 said website having information chosen from the group consisting of detailed  
21 explanations of said markings and exercises that one can undertake in order to  
22 strengthen those writing skills which are denoted by said inserted markings as  
23 representing areas in which said writer needs improvement.

24 20. A computer program product for providing feedback on an electronic  
25 writing as recited in claim 11, wherein:

26 said inserted marking having an associated editorial comment that is  
27 insertable in said writing.

28 21. (Currently Amended) A system including processor, memory, video  
29 display and input device for providing feedback on an electronic writing created with  
30 a word processing software and wherein said writing being displayable using said  
31 software on said a video display, comprising:

1 a set of editorial markings that ~~may be inserted~~ are insertable into said writing,

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3 means for displaying said set of markings on said video display,

4 means for selecting from said set of editorial markings a marking to be

5 inserted into said writing,

6 means for inserting said marking into said electronic writing, and

7 means for saving information pertaining to said inserted marking in said  
8 computer system so as to establish a database that documents the use of said inserted  
9 markings in said writing.

10 22. A system providing feedback on an electronic writing as recited in claim  
11 21, further comprising:

12 means for compiling summary statistics for said saved markings that  
13 communicate information pertaining to the use of said markings in said writing.

14 23. A system for providing feedback on an electronic writing as recited in  
15 claim 22, further comprising:

16 means for filtering said inserted markings so that only a specified portion of  
17 such markings remain in said writing when it is returned to its writer.

18 24. A system for providing feedback on an electronic writing as recited in  
19 claim 21, further comprising:

20 means for hyperlinking said inserted marking to a website that exists on a  
21 network of linked computers.

22 25. A system for providing feedback on an electronic writing as recited in  
23 claim 22, further comprising:

24 means for hyperlinking said inserted marking to a website that exists on a  
25 network of linked computers.

26 26. A system for providing feedback on an electronic writing as recited in  
27 claim 23, further comprising:

28 means for hyperlinking said inserted marking to a website that exists on a  
29 network of linked computers.

30 27. A system for providing feedback on an electronic writing as recited in  
31 claim 21, wherein:

1 said inserted marking communicates information, regarding a portion of said  
2 writing in proximity to said marking's insertion point, chosen from the group  
3 consisting of information on the writing's punctuation, capitalization, italicization,  
4 grammar, word usage, content or form.

5 28. A system for providing feedback on an electronic writing as recited in  
6 claim 22, wherein:

7 said compiled summary statistics communicate information selected from the  
8 group consisting of information pertaining to: (a) specified skills that said writer  
9 would need to focus upon in order to improve said writer's writing skills, (b) for a  
10 series of said writings by the same writer, said writer's progress towards improvement  
11 in those areas identified by said inserted markings as needing improvement, (c) for a  
12 collection of writings by a group of writers who are being instructed as a group, said  
13 group's general areas denoted by said inserted markings as needing improvement, and  
14 (d) for a series of writings by said group, said group's progress towards improvement  
15 in those areas identified by said inserted markings as needing improvement.

16 29. A system for providing feedback on an electronic writing as recited in  
17 claim 24, wherein:

18 said website having information chosen from the group consisting of detailed  
19 explanations of said markings and exercises that one can undertake in order to  
20 strengthen those writing skills which are denoted by said inserted markings as  
21 representing areas in which said writer needs improvement.

22 30. A system for providing feedback on an electronic writing as recited in  
23 claim 21, wherein:

24 said inserted marking having an associated editorial comment that is  
25 insertable in said writing.

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